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Date: Thu, 2 Nov 89 9:01:46 CST

From: Will Martin <wmartin@STL-06SIMA.ARMY.MIL>

Subject: Antique Radio Classified

Since there have been some postings recently seeking sources for antique or even just slightly-old electronic parts and equipment, I thought it would be worthwhile to post a pointer to a major info resource in this area -- a monthly small-format publication that carries ads from individuals and companies involved in this field:

Antique Radio Classified

PO Box 802

Carlisle, MA 01741

They will send a free sample upon request. If you circle the number for their ad in CQ or PopComm, all they send is a postcard with the rates and a note to send it back for the free sample. Since that will cost 25 cents to put it in an envelope, you are better off forgetting the bingo-card number and sending a 15 cent postcard directly.

Subscription rates are \$11 for a 6-month trial (mailed 2nd class, US only); \$20 for 12 months 2nd class; \$30 for 12 months 1st class mail (US & Mexico). Canadian rates are \$14, \$27, and \$32 (air mail) respectively, in US funds.

I am not really too deeply involved in this, so I don't have a subscription. I have gotten a free sample in the past, and it looks like a well-put-together publication. It has better production quality than many other such special-interest limited-circulation periodicals I've seen over the years.

Not only would this be a source of vendors for equipment and parts, and a way to buy and sell older electronics between individuals, but it also will provide pointers to local or regional clubs, associations, and swap meets devoted to this field.

Regards, Will

Date: 2 Nov 89 18:03:25 GMT
From: idacrd!mac@princeton.edu (Robert McGwier)
Subject: ARRL NR 82: AO-13 CRASH

>From article <1333@n8emr.UUCP>, by gws@n8emr.UUCP (Gary Sanders):
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> REQUESTED NOT TO USE OSCAR 13 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. AR
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Great care should be taken in posting these announcements. Please look at the time/date and request further information before posting. AO-13 is back in good shape and I have worked several stations on it in the past week. I copied great telemetry with my DSP based modem within a couple of hours of rebooting/reloading. We are having an internal dispute as to whether SEU's in the CPU microprocessor registers or a software is causing the trouble (we have seen some extremely violent magnetic storms recently and thus the confusion). I wish to repeat here for those interested in getting on AO-13, that the problems that occurred on AO-10 should not reoccur on AO-13 as AMSAT-NA had donated tens of thousands of dollars worth of Harris RAD hard memory left over from some DOD contract that are flying in AO-13. We all expect AO-13 to live and function well for 10 years. Major successes have been reported recently on the secondary experiments with Mode S finally becoming fully operational. The Germans have partially recovered RUDAK and are working hard to get a decent piece of software into the memory in that experiment. AO-13 got into its final design orbit so closely that you would proud of it if you were NASA or Arianespace. Ao-13 is NOT in distress and is functioning wonderfully.

73 Bob McGwier
N4HY
AMSAT-NA

Date: 2 Nov 89 19:50:08 GMT
From: elbereth.rutgers.edu!hardees.rutgers.edu!jschwartz@rutgers.edu (Jeff Schwartz)
Subject: CONFAB '89

The 1989 New Jersey Traffic Handlers Confab will be held at Rutgers University on Saturday, December 2 from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M.
All are welcome to attend.

It will be at the Busch Campus Center in Piscataway, New Jersey in room 120.

This is the annual meeting where those involved in New Jersey traffic handling talk about what has been done and make plans for the future. Anyone interested in traffic handling shouldn't miss it.

Talk in will be provided on 145.700 Simplex.

Directions will be posted in a future posting.

Any questions or comments should be forwarded to:

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73's
-Jeff

Date: Thu, 2 Nov 89 08:29:24 EST
From: Michael_Edelman%Wayne-MTS@um.cc.umich.edu
Subject: Does Radio cause Insanity, or....?

There has been some discussion in the last few years regarding health hazards of Amateur Radio. In these discussions, the topic of mental health has been, in our opinion, sadly overlooked. This is about to change.

This coming Friday, November 3, at 7:30 (or so) EST, we will once again be putting our commemorative station on the air. Celebrating the 82nd anniversary of the Cremation Of Sam McGee will be radio station W8VR, crewed by the old team of W8VR, WB8FPQ, N8BKF, KT8Y and KE8YY.

Work us, send a QSL card and receive a handsome, two-tone 8-1/2"x11" certificate suitable for framing, signed by the participants and imprinted with genuine ash from the cremation of Sam McGee. Would we lie to you?

Where will you find us? On all Real Ham Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 & 10. Most likely on the low end of 80 (clear of the DX window) and on 20,

clear of the testers.

Hopefully this season's special events station will be as successful as the last four, except this time we'll try to remember that you use LSB on 80.

-qrz? de ke8yy

Date: 2 Nov 89 06:26:38 GMT
From: uw-entropy!dataio!pilchuck!ssc!tad@beaver.cs.washington.edu (Tad Cook)
Subject: I want my old callsign back !

In response to N4CDO/WB4QV0, it is not possible to get your old call back after 8 years, even though it has not been re-issued.

73,
Tad Cook
KT7H @ N7HFZ
tad@ssc.UUCP

Date: 2 Nov 89 14:21:19 GMT
From: bbn.com!clements@bbn.com (Bob Clements)
Subject: I want my old callsign back !

>From: TILDE::"phil@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu" 1-NOV-1989 12:51:46.16
>Subj: Re: I want my old callsign back !
>Hmmm, it was my understanding that the FCC kept the same call sign on a
>renewal even though it was late within the grace period.

The last time I noticed this rule, just BEFORE the recent re-organization of the rules, the situation was:
You have a five year grace period to get your ticket back, but only a one (or was it two) year period to keep the old call.

Sorry to be vague. I was hoping someone would quote it from the new rulebook, but nobody has.

And on re-using calls and picking your own call: All these rules and procedures have changed many times over the years. I got my current "initials" call in 1976 when it was briefly possible to pick your own if you were licensed long enough as an Extra. I was first licensed in 1957 as WN2TOX, then W2TOX, and I was at least the third holder of W2TOX. I was probably the second (maybe third) holder of W9FUB and the first holder of K1YKB and

WR1AKJ. I held A2TOX as a MARS call, before A2 became Botswana.

> --Phil Howard, KA9WGN--
> <phil@ux1.cso.uiuc.edu>

Bob Clements, K1BC
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Date: 2 Nov 89 06:40:37 GMT
From: uw-entropy!dataio!pilchuck!ssc!tad@beaver.cs.washington.edu (Tad Cook)
Subject: Third Party Traffic, MM net and BARF get letters from FCC

KB3YV claims that phone patches which evade toll charges may be illegal because of "restraint of trade".

One of the interesting developments in telecommunications in the past few years has been the emergence of "bypass networks". One way that this can work is.....suppose your company has several locations around a large metropolitan area that are long distance from each other. If telephone traffic ever gets large enough to give you the economic incentive, you may choose to route your phone traffic between your offices over some private network (microwave, T-carrier, leased lines, etc) rather than paying toll charges to the phone company.

This is NOT illegal!

Likewise, I think it's funny when hams cite some non-existent law to prevent ham autopatches from "bypassing" the local toll network. The club I belong to still prevents this, due to some vague fear that the local phone company wouldn't like it. My response is, if US West ever did anything retaliatory because of this, the state utility commission should hear about it. If Boeing Company can bypass and connect to the local telephone network, why can't hams?

73,
Tad Cook
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KT7H @ N7HFZ

Date: 2 Nov 89 07:15:17 GMT
From: portal!cup.portal.com!ISW@uunet.uu.net (Isaac S Wingfield)
Subject: Transistor Trivia

The first commercial transistor was, without a doubt (IMHO)

To the best of my memory,
Isaac
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